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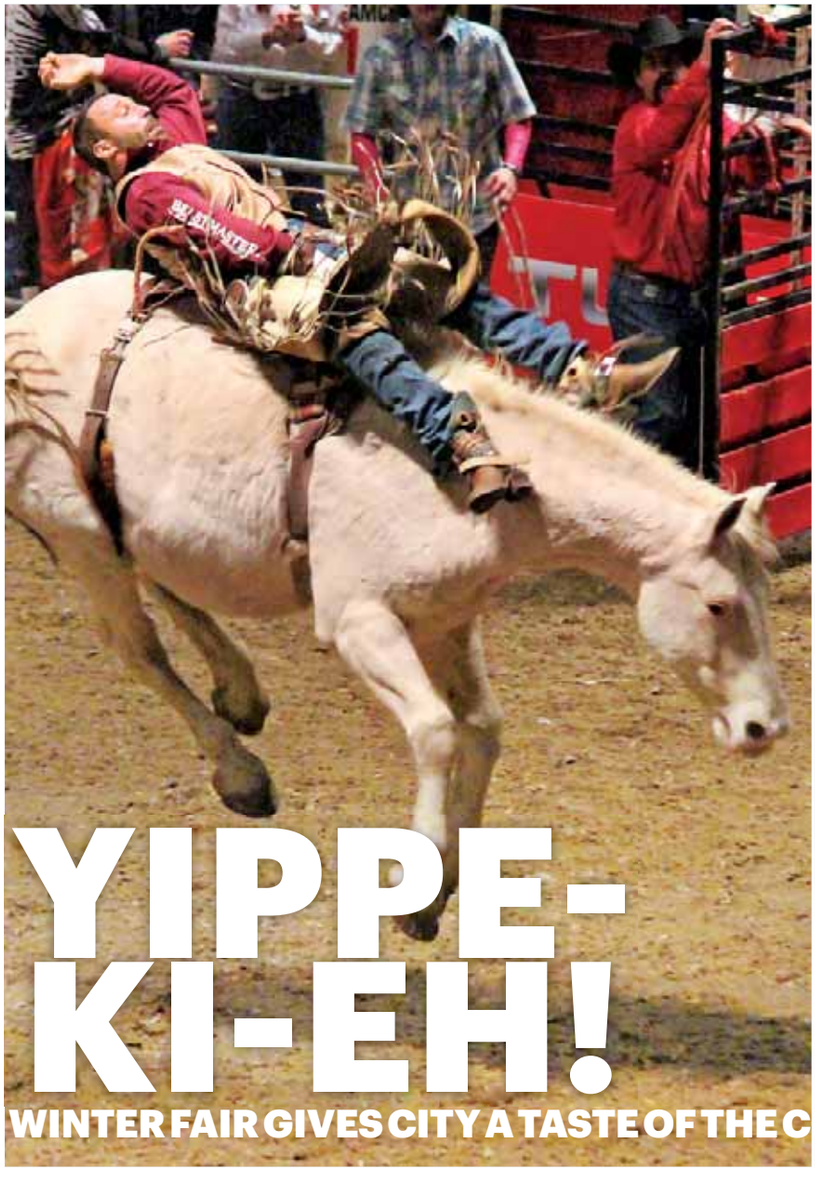

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UN CONFERENCE

T.O. youth have say on climate

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

The eyes of the world are on Paris this week for the UN climate change conference, and young Torontonians are making sure they are involved.

The conference, beginning Nov. 30, will see 196 countries, including Canada, negotiate a new global climate-change treaty.

Brenna Owen, 22, and Bronwen Tucker, 23, are members of a delegation of 18 Canadian youth going to the conference on behalf of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, splitting nine official observer spots.

"It's the first time in a decade we can go to this conference and know that Canada is not going to be actively blocking progress," Tucker said.

The Toronto delegation says they're encouraged by the new government's attitude, but plan to hold Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's feet to the fire.

> **Canada is not going to be actively blocking progress.**
> Bronwen Tucker

"From a Canadian perspective, it's exciting to see that our new environment minister believes in climate change and that it's a massive problem," Owen said. "But we are also excited to hold the Trudeau government accountable."

For example, Owen would like to see the federal government set its carbon emissions targets before Paris, instead of going in with the previous government's benchmarks. Trudeau has said he won't set new targets until after planned negotiations with the provinces.

Owen doesn't want to see that end up as "a ping-pong back and forth with the federal government and the provinces waiting for the other to act."

Each member of the youth delegation will spend one week inside the conference and another week pressuring leaders to continue negotiations until an agreement is reached and signed.

The pair will be blogging about the conference at ourclimate.ca.

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Trump's SNL appearance draws celebrity heckler. **World**

Strike threats not over yet

EDUCATION

Two-tier bargaining cumbersome, critics say

Ontario's two-tier bargaining system — two times the headache?

Just ask frustrated parents, who thought the threat of strikes was over once provincewide deals with teacher unions and CUPE support staff were announced, only to find out that local job action is still possible and is indeed happening in some schools.

Unions complain the process is cumbersome — and apparently costly — and needs reworking. Even the government acknowledges "further improvements" are in order.

Despite months of tough negotiations that led to the five deals, "there are still a number of central tables (deals) yet to be negotiated" with other support staff and small unions, said Paul Elliott, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF).

The OSSTF has a ratified three-year provincial deal for its teachers, but last spring called strikes in three boards and this fall has launched job action in a few boards across the province — including Toronto — on local issues.

Now, locally, about 15 boards have deals in place with OSSTF teacher locals, "and more that are coming in on a daily basis," Elliott said. "I hope that trend is going to continue. But the process has become problematic, and the whole thing needs to be reviewed."

The OSSTF also represents some 15,000 support staff in a number of boards, who don't yet have provincial or local deals, are also on a work-to-rule and are still under a threat of management docking their pay. To make things even more confusing, other support staff — represented by CUPE — have a provincial deal but no local deals.

"We are into the 18th month now, and it will probably be another six months until all deals are done. Something needs to be done about the efficiency of this," said Elliott.

At Queen's Park on Friday, Deputy Premier Deb Matthews conceded the new process has had its challenges.

"Everybody's going to want to sit back and reflect on that, and we've committed to doing that," Matthews said.

"There's no question this was a really tough round of negotiations — it continues to be a tough round of negotiations," said Matthews who, as Treasury Board president, is the government's point person on restraint measures.

"Because not only are we totally changing the process ... we're in a 'net zero' environment," she said, referring to the government's insistence that any gains in the contracts be offset by cuts elsewhere.

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OSSTF president Paul Elliott speaks to high-school teachers and their supporters during a rally at Queens Park in May.
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Robert Morrison, member of the Royal Canadian Legion, is flanked by cadets, above, at a Remembrance Day service, also pictured left, at Toronto's Branch 31 on Sunday. Morrison, who served in the British Army for two years after the Second World War, laid a wreath to honour fellow members who died in the last year. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Services taking place in GTA

Remembrance Day ceremonies got off to an early start Sunday in the GTA, with plenty more planned for Wednesday:

- Prospect Cemetery (1450 St. Clair Ave. W.), 7:45 a.m.
- Queen's Park front lawn, 10:45 a.m.
- Jewish War Veterans of Canada ceremony, Lipa Green Building, Sherman Campus (4588 Bathurst St.), 10:30 a.m.
- Fort York National Historic Site (250 Fort York Blvd.), 10:30 a.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Scarborough Cenotaph (Kingston Road and Danforth Avenue), at 10:45 a.m.
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Warriors Hall (2075 Bayview Ave.), 10:15 a.m.
- East York Civic Centre Memorial Gardens (850 Coxwell Ave.), 10:45 a.m.
- Etobicoke Civic Centre Cenotaph (399 The West Mall), 10:15 a.m.
- George Weston Recital Hall at the Toronto Centre for the Arts (5040 Yonge St.), 10:45 a.m.
- Toronto Old City Hall Cenotaph (60 Queen St. W.), 10:45 a.m.
- York Civic Centre, York Memorial Collegiate auditorium (2690 Eglinton Ave. W.), at 10:45 a.m. METRO

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Police officer who issued unjustifiable tickets is still working

A Toronto police officer remains on the job after admitting to issuing unjustifiable tickets to homeless people and other individuals with mental-health issues in 2014 while working in 14 Division's Primary Response unit.

In 19 instances between March 30 and May 19, 2014, Const. Fievel Kan wrote Provincial Offence Notices to 12 separate people "without sufficient evidence," according to a decision from the Toronto Police Service's disciplinary hearings office.

"In some of those instances, no such offences were committed by the defendants," Supt. Scott Weidmark wrote in the decision.

The quasi-judicial disciplinary hearings office issues judgments on allegations of police misconduct.

The decision notes the people given tickets "included the homeless and others with mental illness."

"He was writing tickets to people where ... he would get credit on his performance report showing that he wrote a ticket," Weidmark said by phone. "These people normally would never go to court. So he was just trying to benefit from increasing his numbers, so to speak."

None of the victims attempted to pay for their tickets, according to the decision.

Kan was charged with discreditable conduct for issuing the tickets. He was also charged with insubordination for not using his in-car camera during all 19 interactions, a violation of police procedure.

> **He was just trying to benefit from increasing his numbers.**
> Supt. Scott Weidmark

Kan pleaded guilty to both charges on March 5. The decision describes Kan as remorseful, noting he sought to "resolve this issue as soon as possible" and issued an oral apology during the proceeding.

The decision states there was no evidence to suggest why Kan did not activate his camera, but Weidmark wrote "it is reasonable to conclude" he was trying to conceal his actions.

Kan declined to comment when reached by phone recently: "I'm very sorry. I don't want to comment on this case. It's been dealt with."

Kan said he was currently working in "primary response ... answering radio calls" and would not elaborate on his motivations for issuing the unjustifiable tickets.

Defence counsel Gary Clewley declined to comment.

Weidmark wrote that Clewley claimed the officer issued tickets in areas "of general disorder ... where the public may fear aggressive panhandlers."

Clewley also argued the officer "could have issued some tickets for offences that were actually committed."

But Weidmark argued there was no evidence to support this claim and wrote "knowledgeable officers can find some act or bylaw violated where disorder is occurring."

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Street battle brewing for empty beer, wine bottles

WASTE COLLECTION

Get up early for those discarded recyclables

Emanuela Campanella
For Metro | Toronto

Up at dawn, walking on the dewy grass of the morning, Trang Nguyen picks up her two-wheeled rickshaw full of empty beer and wine bottles and makes her way through Kensington Market.

"This house is always a good one," she says, rummaging through their blue bins, hunting for empty beer and wine bottles to cash in for 10 to 20 cents each.

Nguyen is part of a growing legion of bottle collectors taking to the streets of Toronto. Just a few years ago, Nguyen said only a few would come out on collection day. Now, it's extremely competitive, she said.

If you want to make it in Canada's largest urban centre, you now have to hustle, Nguyen said.

"I try and wake up early so I can get first dibs," she said. "There's a lot of competition out there."

These days, it's not unusual to see collectors using sophisticated systems and driving e-bikes, scooters and even full-sized vehicles, Nguyen said.

"It's hard because I'm competing with people who have trucks," Nguyen said.

Plus, she, along with others, are skirting the law. Under a municipal bylaw, it is illegal to disturb, remove or scatter any waste set out for collection. Doing so is punishable by a hefty $100 fine.

But, bottle collectors say they know how to avoid city workers.

"It's all about going before the sunrise," said another bottle collector, who didn't want to be named.

"It's also about being efficient. I want to grab as much as possible before the guys with cars come by."

Others seem to follow the same routine.

"Typically at 7 a.m. onwards we don't see any people scavenging," said Robert Orpin, the city's director of collections and litter operations.

UP FOR GRABS

The city collected more than **15,000 tonnes** of recycled glass through the blue bin program throughout 2014 — a picker's dream.

That's roughly the equivalent of **33 million** empty wine bottles.

An empty wine bottle has a return value of 20 cents. So if you do the math, that's approximately **$6 million** up for grabs.

This scene near St. Clair and Bathurst is playing out more and more in neighbourhoods across the city as competition mounts for recyclable bottles, pickers say. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

IN BRIEF

Suspect arrested after GO station sexual assault

A man wanted in connection to a GO station sexual assault in Richmond Hill has been identified and arrested following a public appeal by police. According to York Regional Police, a 24-year-old woman was walking towards the bus platform at Langstaff GO station around 2:30 p.m. on Thursday when a man approached from behind and tackled her. Police say the woman fought him off, scratching his face in the process. The suspect then fled on foot. Police released a description of the suspect and surveillance images Friday. On Saturday, a 19-year-old man from Vaughan was identified and charged. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police arrest Oakville man on arson charges

Halton Police have charged an Oakville man in connection with three suspicious fires in the city. The fires occurred over the past several weeks — one at Lions Valley park, another at a playground at the Glen Abbey recreational centre, and the third in a barn at St. Volodymyr's Church. Alexandre Lemelin, 28, was arrested Friday and charged with three counts of arson. The investigation is ongoing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gardiner crash injures three

Three people are in hospital after a vehicle travelling the wrong way on the Gardiner Expressway crashed into another vehicle head-on Saturday night. Toronto police and paramedics were called to the scene around 10:30 p.m. Two of the three people taken to hospital had minor injuries, while the third sustained serious but non-life threatening injuries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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INVESTIGATION

Inquest to begin in child's death

Seven years after Katelynn Sampson's small, battered body was discovered in a Toronto apartment, a coroner's inquest will investigate just what allowed the little girl to be beaten to death by her legal guardians.

The circumstances surrounding the seven-year-old's 2008 death drew public outrage and raised questions about how she appeared to have been failed by several agencies who ought to have protected her.

Some hope the inquest beginning Monday will finally address the cracks Katelynn appeared to have fallen through.

"We still have that question — how could this have happened," said Irwin Elman, Ontario's advocate for children and youth, who has long called for the inquest into Katelynn's death and has standing at the proceeding.

"I think the inquest, in my mind, gives us a chance as an entire province to have a conversation about how this happened, how we can prevent it from happening again and even, in a sense, have this inquest be the first sentence in a larger conversation about how we protect children and support families."

A jury at the inquest will examine the events around Katelynn's death and may issue recommendations on how to prevent similar cases. The proceeding is expected to take four weeks and will hear from about 30 witnesses.

In the aftermath of Katelynn's death, the provincial government made changes requiring guardians applying for custody who are not parents to provide a police background check as part of their application. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ROYAL WINTER FAIR THE RODEO COMES TO T.O. The city's taste of the country was especially exciting Sunday at the Royal Winter Fair. The Ontario Toyota Dealers Rodeo featured bareback bronco riding, pole bending, trick riding, saddle bronco riding, barrel racing, mini chuck-wagon races and more. It was at the Ricoh Coliseum at Exhibition Place, where the winter fair is open every day until Sunday, with everything from square dancing to giant vegetables. The rodeo's emcee was Amber Marshall, star of CBC show Heartland. COLIN MCKEE/METRO

Group angered over lack of diversity in new cabinet

POLITICS

Organization says Trudeau excluded black, Chinese MPs

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau may have an inclusive cabinet in the eyes of many, but not everyone in Toronto agrees.

Following the new cabinet appointment and swearing-in ceremony last week, members of the Just Society Group were left enraged over what they considered a lack of diversity.

"This is a very big concern for us," said Joseph Osuji, a Toronto-based lawyer specializing in human rights cases. "Apart from the gender parity, that cabinet is no different from that of Harper when it comes to race and ethnicity."

The group has written a letter to Trudeau's office to express their disappointment about the composition of the cabinet. In the letter, they accuse Trudeau of "excluding" black people and Chinese Canadians from the new cabinet.

The new prime minister has received praise and admiration from within Canada and across the globe for keeping his promise of gender balance in the cabinet. Trudeau was also applauded for appointing four Sikhs to various portfolios — including Minister of Defence Harjit Sajjan — and Afghan-Canadian Maryam Monsef as minister of democratic institutions. But the Just Society Group, which fights for equality and against discrimination, believes the prime minister could have done more to reflect "the true face of Canada."

A lawyer for Just Society Group says Trudeau choices are offensive to the groups he "excluded" from his cabinet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

People like physician Hedy Fry, Trinidadian-Canadian and MP for Vancouver Centre for more than 20 years, or Scarborough North MP Shaun Chen, who is of Chinese descent, are just a few of the choices that could have made the difference, said Osuji.

"Trudeau has made a lot of pronouncements and many people can be just blinded by the rhetoric," he said. "But he is our prime minister and what he did was offensive to African-Canadians and Chinese community. We have to remind him of that."

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Aid from culinary customs

REFUGEES

Food event raising funds to bring Syrian families to T.O.

Gilbert Ngabo
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It's a dinner with a helping purpose.

A grassroots initiative wants to sponsor two Syrian families and resettle them in Ward 21. Their approach is to unite around food.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, an estimated crowd of 400 people will gather at the Wychwood Barns for what's been termed Supper with Syria.

Four Syrian chefs will work in pairs with four Canadian chefs, preparing traditional Syrian dishes and showing their adaptation into the Canadian cuisine.

The exercise will serve as a platform to share personal stories of culinary customs from both countries, said Sang Kim, long-serving local restaurateur of Korean and Japanese food, and one of the evening's organizers.

"The food element is central but we want our communities to learn more about Syrian culture and its people," he said.

The evening will feature a series of talks and a silent auction where various handmade artifacts from refugee camps will be sold, he said.

Stories of displacements hit home for Lara Zahabi. Born and raised in Lebanon to a Syrian family who had sought refuge there, she has lived in conflict zones and has known the hardships of refugee life. Wanting to lend a hand came naturally to her.

"I want people to know what Syria is and who Syrians are as a people," she said, adding it's dignifying that the event is called Supper with Syria, not for Syrians. To her, it's an opportunity to show the communities in Toronto how they can be enriched by having these new families coming here.

"With this event, Syrians are not any more the subjects of charity," said Zahabi, a physician and founding member of Canadian Arab Institute.

"They are the co-creators of the dialogue. They are warm, at the centre of the world civilizations. Syrians are just the world."

Sang Kim, centre, teamed up with Lara Zahabi, right, and Inna Gertsberg among many other community members for the upcoming Supper with Syria fundraiser. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

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Details about the gathering

- The group is looking to raise $70,000 required for sponsoring two families.
- Tickets to the event are selling for $75.
- Individuals can also donate or volunteer. More information is available at supperwithsyria.org

MENTAL HEALTH

Hospital to test service

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Women's College Hospital wants to pipe mental health care directly into people's homes and offices.

The hospital is raising money to launch a trial mental health care service that would allow women to consult with their doctor via instant message, email and video chat.

The video-chat platform would operate similar to Skype but is more secure and confidential, said Dr. Jennifer Hensel, a psychiatrist at Women's College Hospital.

The overall idea is the service will save people time and mean they don't have to put their busy lives on the back burner to get help.

"The potential to reach those people is huge," Hensel said.

Hensel hopes to have the service up and running by January, with a fundraising goal of $20,000.

PHILANTHROPY

Tees have charities covered

Add this to the growing list of clothing lines featuring The 6.

A group called We The Norm has rolled out a selection of T-shirts featuring one of the city's favourite duos: Coun. Norm Kelly and rapper Drake.

Kelly helped launch the line, tweeting a picture of "the Norm club" donning the shirts.

Billing itself as the "unofficial Norm Kelly charity," We The Norm's website says 100 per cent of proceeds will be donated to Sick Kids Foundation and Covenant House.

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Coun. Norm Kelly with 'the Norm club.' TWITTER

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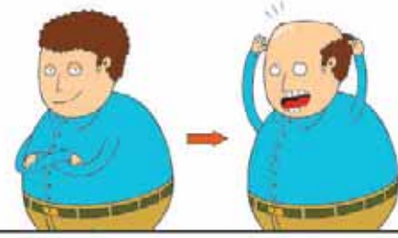

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Canada taking part in key climate change talks

PARIS

McKenna to meet with host of leaders to discuss issues

Canada's new environment minister is in Paris taking part in talks with counterparts from a host of countries to lay the groundwork for this month's global climate change summit.

Catherine McKenna and her fellow ministers are spending the next three days looking for common ground on key issues in advance of the summit that begins Nov. 30.

She'll also have a number of one-on-one meetings, including with French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius.

"Canada agrees the science is indisputable, and we recognize the need for urgent/greater action that is grounded in robust science," McKenna posted to Twitter on Sunday.

"Our main goal is to make sure that all human beings can fulfil a healthy, safe, sustainable life."

> **Our main goal is to make sure that all human beings can fulfil a healthy, safe, sustainable life.**
> Environment Minister Catherine McKenna

Some 80 leaders will be gathering in the French capital to try to reach a binding agreement on reducing greenhouse gases.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to be joined there by most of the premiers and at least some of the Opposition party leaders.

The Liberals did not set a target for emissions reductions in their election platform, saying only they would set them informed by economic and scientific analysis.

Trudeau has also committed to calling a First Ministers meeting within 90 days of the conference to set a framework for combatting climate change. THE CANADIAN PRESS

AUCTION

When bargains and bureaucracy collide

An airplane formerally belonging to ORNGE, Ontario's air ambulance system, and thousands of decommissioned law enforcement vehicles were among the items sold by Canada's Crown asset surplus site over the past year, an analysis of auction sales data shows.

According to the GCSurplus website, roughly 20,000 items were sold between August 2014 and August 2015.

The highest ticket item sold in that period was a 2010 Pilatus PC-12 aircraft that went for $3.12 million in July. The plane, which featured a custom medevac interior, was originally purchased along with nine other aircraft in 2008 at a cost of $4.56 million US per aircraft.

The PC-12 was purchased by Kudlik Aviation, a Quebec City-based company whose corporate affiliate, Kudlik Construction, has numerous building contracts in Nunavut. Jean Labrecque, the director of flight operations for Kudlik Aviation, says the plane was first stripped of its medevac interior in order to accommodate more passengers.

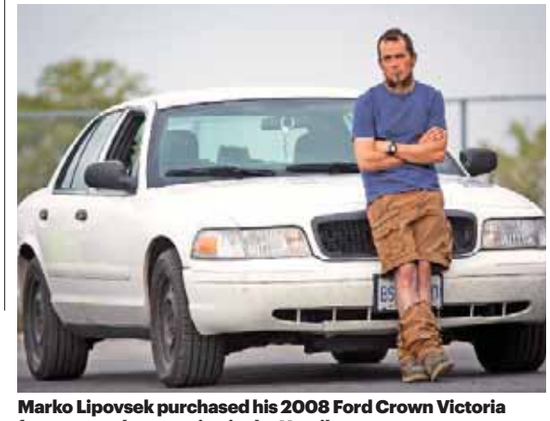
Since a 2012 Torstar News Service investigation revealed serious problems at ORNGE — financial and safety related — the agency has been steadily divesting itself of unnecessary vehicles purchased under the governance of ex-CEO Chris Mazza, whose tenure is being looked at in an ongoing RCMP investigation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GCSURPLUS

Police cars a hot item on government auction site

Over the past year, GCSurplus has offloaded roughly 4,200 cars and light trucks in working condition — about a third of which were ex-law enforcement vehicles.

Their prevalence is likely due in part to law enforcement agencies updating their existing fleets. However, law enforcement's loss could be your gain, provided you're willing to put up with a few dents and less than luxurious interiors. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Marko Lipovsek purchased his 2008 Ford Crown Victoria from an outdoor auction in the Hamilton area two years ago. TODD KOROL/TORONTO NEWS SERVICE

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EGYPT

Tourist exodus ongoing as first Russian inspectors sent

General view of Namaa Bay in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on Sunday. International passengers continued to line up for flights out of Egypt Sunday as the first of three teams of Russian investigators were en route. VINCIANE JACQUET/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International passengers departing Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh continued lining up for flights Sunday as the first of three Russian inspection teams was dispatched there to examine airport security after the Oct. 31 airline disaster.

The Russian flight's crash in the Sinai Peninsula that killed all 224 people on board continues to generate fallout, after the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility for its downing and U.S. and British officials say intelligence shows it was likely brought down by a bomb on board. Britain and several airlines have stopped normally scheduled flights to the resort, while Russia has suspended all flights to Egypt.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond told the BBC on Sunday if the bomb is confirmed, it will require a potential rethink of airport security in areas where the extremist group is active.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich did not give details on what specific security issues the inspections teams would be examining, but said 11,000 Russians were flown home from Egypt on Saturday and an even larger number were expected to leave Sunday, according to Russian news agencies.

Security officials at the Sharm el-Sheikh airport have told The Associated Press that the facility has long had gaps in security.

A spokesman for Egypt's Aviation Ministry, Mohamed Rahma, dismissed the concerns, saying "Sharm el-Sheikh is one of the safest airports in the world," without elaborating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NIELSEN

Celebrity 'heckler' targets Trump

Donald Trump wasn't far into his opening Saturday Night Live monologue before an heckler interrupted with "You're a racist!"

But the "heckler" was comedian Larry David, who before Trump arrived onstage had been seen impersonating Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders.

"Larry, what are you doing?" Trump asked.

"I heard if I yelled that, they'd give me $5,000," said David with a shrug, echoing an offer made publicly by Deport Racism, a group protesting Trump's appearance. The group said David would receive the $5,000 bounty, regardless of whether or not his comments were a joke.

Only hours after the broadcast, Trump was back on television, saying his performance was "very well received and probably got very good ratings, who knows."

Very good, but not spectacular. Preliminary Nielsen ratings measuring households in 56 U.S. markets gave Saturday's "SNL" its highest rating only since January 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAIL

Two derailments in as many days in Wisconsin

A Canadian Pacific Railway train carrying crude oil derailed Sunday in Wisconsin.

The eastbound CP train derailed at about 2 p.m. in Watertown in the southeastern part of the state. The railroad said at least 10 cars derailed, and some were leaking. No fires or injuries were reported.

CP was sending teams to the site, and said it takes the incident extremely seriously.

On Saturday, a freight train derailed near Alma in western Wisconsin, spilling thousands of gallons of ethanol.

BNSF Railway said crews continued Sunday to transfer ethanol from the derailed cars and putting them back on the tracks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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100M facing poverty

WORLD BANK

Poor will bear brunt of climate change impact: Report

Climate change could push more than 100 million people into extreme poverty by 2030 by disrupting agriculture and fueling the spread of malaria and other diseases, the World Bank said in a report Sunday.

Released just weeks ahead of a UN climate summit in Paris, the report highlighted how the impact of global warming is borne unevenly, with the world's poor woefully unprepared to deal with climate shocks such as rising seas or severe droughts.

"They have fewer resources and receive less support from family, community, the financial system," the Washington-based World Bank said.

How to help poor countries deal with climate change is one of the crunch issues in talks on a global climate accord that's supposed to be adopted next month in Paris.

Efforts to protect the poor, such as generally improving access to health care and social safety nets, and targeted measures to upgrade flood defences and deploy more heat-tolerant crops could prevent most of the negative consequences of climate change on poverty, the bank said.

Stephane Hallegatte, one of the authors, said the "hot spots" for climate impacts on poor people were sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese workers at a building site in Democratic Republic of Congo. Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia are the "hot spots" for climate impacts on poor people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Migrant labourers protest in Dubai

Hundreds of migrant labourers staged a rare protest near the airport hosting the opening day of the biennial Dubai Airshow on Sunday to demand higher wages.

Associated Press journalists saw the workers gathering and shouting along a road leading to Al Maktoum International at Dubai World Central, the Gulf city's second airport.

Police arrived on the scene soon after the demonstration began and eventually dispersed the crowd.

Workers said they were protesting inadequate pay, though none agreed to give their names for fear of retribution.

In a statement, the Dubai government media office said representatives from the Permanent Committee of Labor Affairs intervened to resolve the dispute. Its investigation found that the workers' demands fell outside of their contractual terms.

"The workers were satisfied with the mediation and ended their demonstration peacefully," the government statement said, adding that the men's employer was instructed "to clearly communicate contractual terms to the workers in order to prevent any future misunderstanding."

The employer for at least some of the workers, Bu Haleeba Contracting, declined to comment.

The United Arab Emirates, of which Dubai is part, and other Gulf Arab nations have come under increasing scrutiny from human rights and labour activists over their treatment of low-paid migrant workers.

Labour unions are not allowed and strikes are illegal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrant labourers protest on Sunday near the airport hosting the Dubai Airshow. KAMRAN JEBREILI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

AirBaltic first to operate Bombardier CS300

Latvian carrier airBaltic will be the first client to operate the CS300 aircraft when it takes delivery in the latter part of 2016, Bombardier announced Sunday. The airline has 13 firm orders for the CS300 and retains options for seven others, Bombardier said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. gas prices stop falling

The average price of gasoline rose a penny over the past two weeks, to $2.25 US a gallon. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said the slight increase comes after prices previously fell 63 cents over 19 weeks. The end of the price decline comes as crude costs rose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Buzz control: To curb invasive, disease-spreading mosquitoes, L.A. scientists will release males infected with bacteria that make females infertile — which could backfire, causing other bugs to surge.

JOHN HONDERICH

No one can dispute the tradition of an individual publisher or owner calling the election shots for their local paper. But to dictate the choice across an entire chain — and nation — is an entirely different tale.

Never before in a federal election, in my memory, have newspaper endorsements become so controversial.

Topping the list unquestionably was Postmedia CEO Paul Godfrey's dramatic order to all 16 major Postmedia papers across Canada to support Stephen Harper.

Each paper was allowed to write its own editorial, but the conclusion was preordained.

"Since God made babies, I think (endorsement editorials) were always made that way," longtime Conservative Godfrey explained later, reacting to the uproar. "If anyone thinks otherwise, I think they were dreaming in Technicolor."

Really, Mr. Godfrey?

You might want to examine the policies of other newspaper chains that tell an entirely different bedtime story of the so-called "proprietor's prerogative."

No one can dispute the tradition of an individual publisher or owner calling the election shots for their local paper. Godfrey did that regularly when he was publisher of the Toronto Sun.

Even more worrisome is the negative impact this affair is having on the newspaper industry in general. At a time when the relevance and impact of newspapers are under attack, this doesn't help.

But to dictate the choice across an entire chain —and nation. That is an entirely different tale.

Consider the previous owners of Postmedia papers, the venerable Southam family.

Postmedia, which owns the Ottawa Citizen, the National Post and the Sun chain of papers, ordered its major publications to endorse the Conservative Party in last month's federal election. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It went to great lengths to emphasize individual publishers in each city were responsible for all editorial content, including election endorsements. "It was even in my letter of engagement," remembers veteran Southam publisher Clark Davey.

"It said what appeared in the (Vancouver) Sun rested on my conscience."

The reason, of course, was self-evident. What was important or relevant to readers in Vancouver might not be so in Montreal, Ottawa or Windsor.

Owning a newspaper, in my view, is a privilege, not a right. Nor is it the same as owning a pizzeria or car wash. Newspapers are an essential informing part of the democratic process and their first responsibility must be to the local readers they serve.

The old Thomson chain in Canada, owned by the richest family in the land, had a similar practice of non-interference in local editorial issues.

South of the border a similar tradition has existed for decades. In the last presidential election, America was a patchwork quilt of competing newspaper endorsements.

The huge Gannett chain states that "Diversity is strength. By encouraging and expressing a mix of opinions, backgrounds, stories and ideas, Gannett improves results."

An executive for the large Knight-Ridder chain put it more pithily. "We bought them (newspapers). But we don't own them."

In the interests of transparency, it must also be declared that editorial independence has always been the official policy of the Torstar newspaper group.

While the proprietors and publisher of the Toronto Star are involved in the Star's election endorsements, the Hamilton Spectator, Waterloo Record and all 125 of Torstar's community papers can decide for themselves.

So in the 2011 federal election, The Star supported Jack Layton's NDP, while virtually all other Torstar papers endorsed Stephen Harper. In 2015, all the dailies came out for the Liberals under Justin Trudeau.

These aren't dreams. They are black and white realities reflecting a long-held common tradition among North America's major newspaper groups.

Mr. Godfrey, soon to be installed in the Canadian News Hall of Fame for his contribution to Canadian journalism, clearly has a different perspective.

Yet, the firestorm of criticism on social media, the rumours of discontent in Postmedia newsrooms and even a damning story in Britain's Guardian newspaper all reflect a pervasive discontent.

Even more worrisome is the negative impact this affair is having on the newspaper industry in general. At a time when the relevance and impact of newspapers are under attack, this doesn't help.

Ultimately, though, it is readers who matter most. And surely those in Postmedia communities deserved far, far better.

John Honderich is a former publisher of the Toronto Star. He is chair of Torstar's board of directors.

Make plans, worry about the price later: Toronto's funding model must go

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

There's a pattern to the way things work at Toronto City Hall. It's as reliable as falling leaves in November, or delays on the 501 Queen streetcar.

It goes like this: The mayor and councillors spend much of the year tinkering with grand plans to address Toronto's most pressing issues. They talk a lot about the great stuff they're going to do. When the plans are finally approved, there's a lot of back-slapping, sometimes even applause.

But then, when budget time comes around and they need to think about paying for those plans, they take a hacksaw to them. It's a frustrating reality. At city hall, they've got ambition bigger than their wallets.

So far there's not much indicating this pattern will change under John Tory. As council gears up to tackle the first full-year budget of the new administration, city hall has again loaded up on initiatives that will mean new expenses — but few want to talk about new revenues to match.

Last week, Tory endorsed big plans on two big issues: poverty and transit. Both are necessary. Both are largely unfunded.

On poverty, council adopted a 20-year anti-poverty strategy. It's remarkably ambitious, recommending action on things like affordable housing, student nutrition, youth employment, low-income transit fares and services for seniors.

It won't be cheap, but it's hard to argue Toronto doesn't need a strategy when one in every four kids lives in poverty.

Still, talk of paying for all this will — you guessed it — come later. At budget time.

There's a similar situation with Tory's announcement that he wants to see subway service begin an hour earlier on Sundays. It's an overdue change. Lots of people need to work on Sunday mornings and are frustrated that the trains don't run until 9 a.m.

Still, this change isn't free — it will cost about a million dollars a year. Meanwhile, the TTC faces a shortfall of $52 million for 2016 just to maintain existing levels of service.

So where will the money to open the subway earlier come from? And will there be more money to operate the bus routes that bring people to the subway at the earlier hour?

Questions pushed off until later. To the budget. Of course. This pattern needs to change.

First, there needs to be a better accounting for the budgetary cost of decisions — and the tax impact — as they're made, instead of only at budget time.

Second, the myth that Toronto's issues can be addressed within its existing revenues needs to finally go away. Building a great city is important. Building a great city costs money. Toronto needs leaders who understand both these things — and are willing to pay.

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Let's hear it for the liberal arts

ANALYSIS

Justin Trudeau's arts education is part of his political appeal

Devon Scoble
Metro | Canada

Stephen Harper warned that Justin Trudeau — an English literature grad and former teacher — wasn't ready to be Prime Minister, but a Statistics Canada study released in April showed nearly a third of young humanities graduates are actually overqualified for their jobs.

Overall, humanities grads earn less money and — according to a study by the Canadian Scholarship Trust Plan, or CST — less respect than their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) contemporaries. In terms of both status and wealth, only fine arts majors bring in less.

Despite this, humanities subjects like English, history, philosophy and music remain a vibrant part of campus life, and the second-most popular majors at Canadian colleges and universities. (Business, management and public administration are most popular.) The humanities were once considered the cornerstone of education, and encouraging them is essential, says Martha Turner, VP of Marketing for the CST. Not only because they create well-rounded graduates, but also because the future market demands a broad skill set.

"With a global economy emerging, you have to be able to work with teams all over the world," says Turner. "Empathy and teamwork are skills you could arguably learn in any discipline, but particularly in the humanities."

Justin Trudeau isn't your average humanities grad, and his climb to Canada's top post was fuelled as much by personal ambition, political connections, and — let's be real here — a fortuitous surname, as his appreciation for literature.

But now that he's scored the job, the skills he cultivated in his undergrad will be useful, says University of Toronto English Professor and novelist Robert McGill.

When I hear Justin Trudeau talking about his prioritization of listening to other people, I can't help but think that reading literature will have fostered his abilities in that regard.
University of Toronto English prof Robert McGill

"A lot of people talk about what they call his emotional intelligence, and when I hear that, I think about the skill of sympathetic imagination," says McGill. "That's the term literary critics use to talk about an ability to enter into the life of another person with rigour and compassion."

Researchers at The New School in New York City found that studying literary fiction improves a reader's capacity to empathize with others. The study, published in the October 2013 issue of Science, asked people to read fiction, literary fiction, nonfiction and nothing, then take a test where they were asked to infer other people's emotions. When participants read fiction and literary fiction, they scored significantly better on the tests.

"Novels are rather unique in getting us to listen to and identify with the lives of others and when I hear Justin Trudeau talking about his prioritization of listening to other people, I can't help but think that reading literature will have fostered his abilities in that regard," says McGill.

"And I think that aspect of him is part of his political appeal," he adds.

PRINT

With low newsstand sales, magazines look to new strategies

The New Year will usher in a new look on Canadian newsstands as the venerable fashion magazine Flare disappears from the racks and turns its focus towards targeting a younger demographic both online and offline.

Sales of single copies of printed magazines have fallen dramatically, forcing the industry to re-evaluate distribution and adapt, says Bo Sacks, president of the U.S.-based consulting firm Precision Media Group.

"In the last five years, we have lost 50 per cent of the newsstand sale. And that is a trend that's not going away," says Sacks.

"Every year, we seem to lose nine to 11 per cent of the sales we used to have before. This is a trend that seems inescapable. At what point does it plateau? I have no idea. But it doesn't look like anytime soon."

Flare is currently averaging 1,800 copies sold on newsstands, which is less than 2.5 per cent of its total circulation, says Melissa Ahlstrand, group publisher for fashion and beauty at Rogers Communications Inc.

"Where we may lose the visibility in newsstands — albeit small — we're actually gaining a lot more visibility through this alternative distribution."
Melissa Ahlstrand, on Flare leaving newsstands

"Essentially with those kinds of numbers on newsstands, we really had to take a good look at how we distribute our print copies. It's a very small quantity," Ahlstrand says, adding that Flare will still publish 10 print editions in 2016 for subscribers.

Ahlstrand says millennial readers aren't regular newsstand buyers, and in an effort to connect with "young, cool, smart women" they've decided to invest in another form of print distribution to reach that demographic: distributing overrun copies in urban centres.

Across the industry, a comparative analysis of 56 Canadian titles found overall paid and verified circulation was down 4.8 per cent for the first half of 2014.

D. B. Scott, who blogs at Canadian Magazines, says that while the absence of newsstand copies may be an inconvenience for some, they represent a small subset of readers.

But Sacks argues the newsstand is still "critical to the long-term survival of magazines," despite the drop in sales.

"Sure, you can save a lot of money by eliminating your print title. But long-term, discoverability becomes a much bigger problem," says Sacks.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Make a shopping list, check it twice

Avoid the crash after the holiday rush by planning ahead and buying what you can afford. ISTOCK

SPEND LESS TO BE MERRY

Don't be budget naughty or your new year won't be so nice

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

I was at dinner with friends last week when the topic turned to Christmas dinner. They always have me over and this year it's going to be on Dec. 27 because, with grown kids, carving out Christmas is less about the date and more about the time spent together. It takes a plan to work all the family dynamics into the holiday season.

Some people also find it challenging to get through their shopping without blowing their budgets or their minds. It's doesn't have to be hard. But you do have to exercise some discipline as you whip out your wallet and pay, pay, pay.

The easiest way to stay on track is to make a list. If your heart is bigger than your wallet, go over your list and decide who doesn't really need to be on there? Are there people to whom can you give a token gift to celebrate the season? Can you use Secret Santa so you don't have to buy for your whole brood?

The very best gifts don't have to cost a penny. Offer up your time babysitting, cooking meals, house cleaning, massaging, sewing, knitting, transporting, or whatever else you're good at. Clip a picture of the service you'll provide and be clear on how often, as in "I'll babysit one weekend a month from February to June." Or better yet, make your own coupon book.

Retailers count on your oohs and ahhs while you're out shopping for your lovies so make this rule: No self-gift while you're shopping. The one-for-you-one-for-me approach to holiday shopping is just an excuse to be self-indulgent. And it's a sure way to end up with a holiday hangover. If you see something you really like, put it on your own list for Santa.

MAKE THIS A RULE
No self-gift while you're shopping. If you see something you really like, put it on your own list for Santa.

Want to remove the temptation to over-shop? Shop with cash. So many people who whip out their plastic end up spending more than they planned and then get stuck paying the minimum payments. At 18 per cent interest, $500 in holiday spending would take seven years to pay off and cost $365 in interest. Ouch! As for opening up a new store credit cards to get that 10 per cent or 20 per cent off your purchase for the day, don't do it. Retailers must be making a packet on interest and late fees in order to offer those special deals. And if you're the sucker who ends up carrying a balance, you'll spend far more in interest than you saved on purchases. And, yes, opening and closing store cards can mess with your credit score.

Before tossing anything into your shopping cart ask yourself why you are buying it. Are you just fulfilling your duty to give a gift? Are you showing off? Are you trying to keep up? Or are you giving something you can afford and that your friend, sister, son or partner will truly enjoy receiving? Your mom, dad or BFF aren't going to be happier that you put yourself in financial stress rather than giving them something that might be slightly less and within your means, if they really love you. If they are judging you on your pressie, then they don't really love you and you shouldn't be buying them anything!

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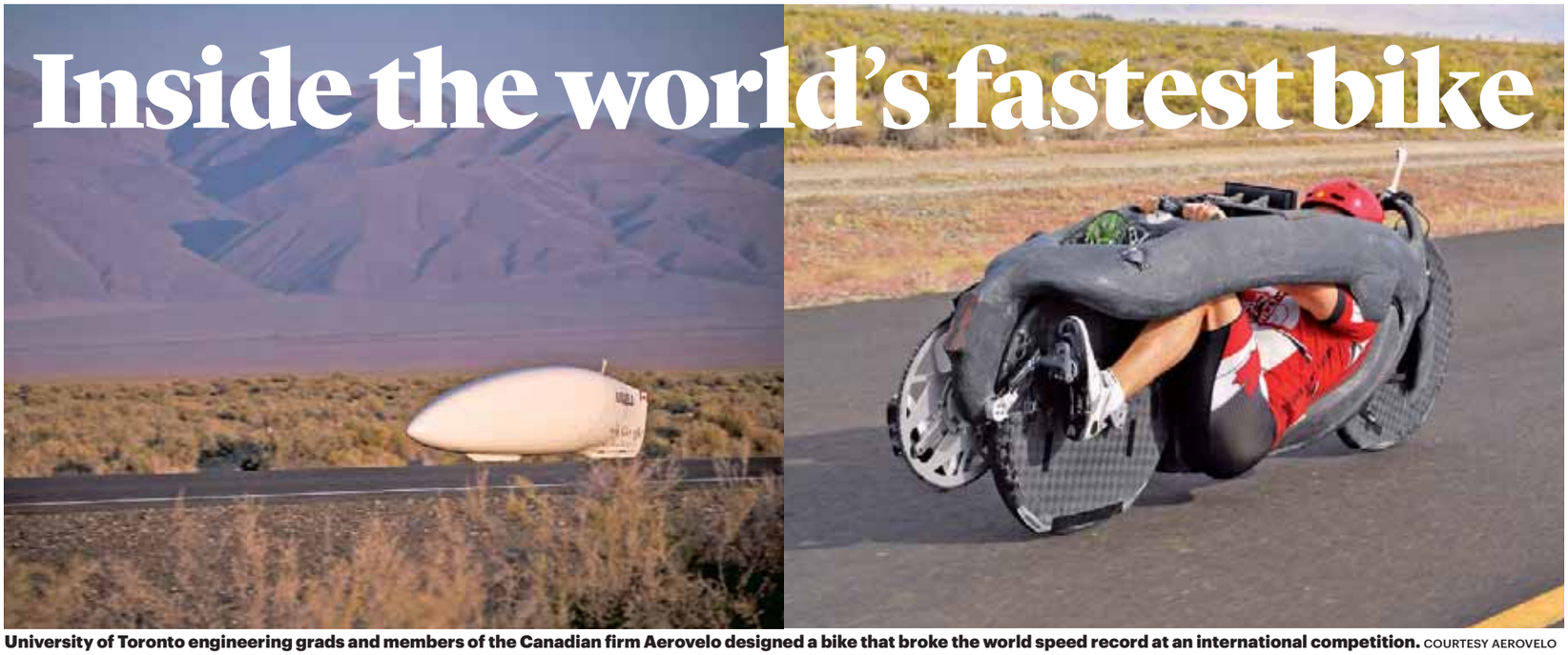
Inside the world's fastest bike



University of Toronto engineering grads and members of the Canadian firm Aerovelo designed a bike that broke the world speed record at an international competition. COURTESY AEROVELO

INNOVATION

The team's bike, Eta, hit a top speed of 139.45 km/h

It shot across a remote stretch of highway in Nevada like a white bullet. And it was only propelled by one man's legs.

Encased in a white carbon fibre shell, a speed bike designed by the Canadian engineering firm Aerovelo smashed the world record for the fastest human-powered vehicle at an international competition. Its top speed was 139.45 kilometres per hour.

They set the record on a high-altitude, enclosed 8-kilometre strip of road at the World Human Powered Speed Challenge in Battle Mountain, Nev. in mid-September.

Jun Nogami, an engineering professor at University of Toronto and the chief timekeeper at the event, was one of the few people in the audience that morning.

> **Holy crap, this feels fast.**
>
> Todd Reichart, Aerovelo co-founder

"Everybody was shocked except for Aerovelo because they are convinced they can go faster," he said.

"It was a strange feeling to be celebrating in the middle of the desert in Nevada and nobody else knowing what we're celebrating."

They beat the previous record, 133.78 km/h, by a little more than 4 km/h. They then eclipsed their own time twice over the next two days.

The bike owes its speed to its sleek design and its rider, Todd Reichert, a 33 year-old U of T grad and co-founder of Aerovelo, who was once a national-level speed skater.

To reduce drag, the bike has a pair of front-facing cameras and screens for the driver.

"It feels a bit like a video game," Reichert said in an interview from California, where he is for work.

And like any game, it takes practice. "The first time going over 100 in our testing, I thought 'Holy crap, this feels fast!'

"To me now, 100 km/h feels slow," he added, with a laugh.

The bike's oval-shaped shell makes it 100 times more aerodynamic than even the most streamlined cars, according to its builders.

The wheels are 26 inches, like those on Olympic racing bikes, but they are covered to reduce drag.

Not for nothing, Aerovelo named their bike "Eta" after the Greek letter often used to symbolize efficiency in equations.

They began work on the bike in 2013, the same year they won a $250,000 prize for designing a human-powered helicopter that can hover three metres for at least a minute.

Aerovelo grew out of a partnership between Reichert and fellow U of T grad Cameron Robertson while they were both members of the university's Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team.

Reichert already has his eyes on breaking their own record next year. Their next goal is 88 miles per hour (141.2 km/h) "because that's the speed of a human-powered time machine," he joked, referring to the velocity of Doc's Delorean in Back to the Future.

"We're a bunch of nerds here, ok?" TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FUTURE PLANS

Carrying the Aerovelo concepts forward

Some University of Toronto students from the Human-Powered Vehicle Design Team helped design and build the bike.

They are crafting their own version of it to race in Nevada in 2016.

Calvin Moes, the team's captain and a master's student in engineering, says building the world's fastest bike isn't just a matter of pride.

"Going forward, the technology and the concepts that we've developed with these (bikes) could be applied to all sorts of things to improve efficiency," he said.

"If car designers could take these concepts and apply them in a more limited sense we would right away see a huge improvement in mileage, and correspondingly a huge reduction in fuel consumption and greenhouse gases."

A local engineering firm started by U of T grads Todd Reichert, right, and Cameron Robertson designed the world's fastest bike, Eta. COURTESY AEROVELO

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WHAT I'M WATCHING VEEP: SEASON THREE, EPISODE NINE (HBO CANADA)

An instant comedy classic that should be taught in acting and writing classes

Johanna Schneller
For Metro Canada

The Washroom

U.S. Vice-President Selena Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) has just found out that all her manic, petty machinations have worked: The president is resigning and she's stepping into his job.

She and her faithful aide Gary (Tony Hale) duck into a women's washroom. Gary is so overcome that he gets a nosebleed. Her attempts to help him are typically inept, and the two wind up slumped against a wall, weeping with laughter.

Not only is this scene an instant comedy classic that should be taught in acting and writing classes until the end of time, it also made me realize why seasons two and three of Veep worked brilliantly, while season two of the Netflix series House of Cards did not, though it told a similar story (a U.S. congressman played by Kevin Spacey schemes to become president).

It's because Veep always keeps the stakes small.

Even after Selina takes over the Oval Office, her crises remain absurd. She gets a terrible haircut. She frets when Air Force One doesn't take off on time, or her running mate upstages her.

Veep keeps sharpening its sword, showing us how pathetic ambition looks, especially when no manipulation or slight is too small to be used or avenged later.

The ridiculousness of high-level double-dealing applied to things that don't matter made both series addictive at first.

But in House of Cards, the stakes got too high too fast. When the future of the free world hangs in the balance, all fun is leeched away.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday

Veep succeeds where House of Cards has begun to falter by keeping the stakes low — even a bad haircut is a crisis. HANDOUT

Fiona Fu stars in OMNI's Blood and Water, a crime drama produced in Mandarin, Cantonese and English. HANDOUT

Multilingual drama reflects demographics

BLOOD AND WATER

Vancouver show features Cantonese, Mandarin

In OMNI's original crime drama Blood and Water, which debuted Sunday, Vancouver has never looked more exotic. At least from the lens of television.

The victim in the show is Asian. The lead detective in the show is Asian. Her boss is Asian. Virtually all the protagonists, apart from Toronto actor Peter Outerbridge, are Asian.

If you've lived in Vancouver, which has a substantial Chinese-Canadian presence, hearing Mandarin on the street isn't unusual. And the hypothetical situation of seeing an Asian cop and an Asian police lieutenant isn't far-fetched.

But we have become so used to TV reflecting another reality, it becomes jarring even though it shouldn't be.

Blood and Water is the Canadian broadcaster's first original crime drama produced in Mandarin, Cantonese and English. It is not a salve to the long-term problems in the industry, but it is a significant first step.

The eight-part drama written by Al Kratina and Dan Trotta, and directed by John L'Ecuyer, is visually stunning. Too bad the storyline doesn't match the exquisite imagery.

Someone is missing in a seaside town. Family members are in despair. There is an investigation. The crusty cop is played by Canadian Australian actress Steph Song. Like David Tennant's character in Broadchurch, Detective Jo Bradley is humanized through the spectre of illness.

> **The troubled drug-addicted son of a prominent developer has turned up dead and everyone, including family members, is a suspect.**

In the premiere episode, after Jo is given a cancer diagnosis, she ends up getting the file of a complex homicide.

The troubled drug-addicted son of a prominent developer has turned up dead and everyone, including family members, is a suspect.

Song's restrained, cerebral performance is fine and compelling.

But the show is a slow boil to nowhere. It's neither an action-cop flick nor is it particularly interesting drama.

Mandarin and Cantonese scenes are subtitled but, apart from the language, there is very little cultural specificity. This could be any family, in any situation.

And perhaps that's the point. How unusual is it, seeing Asian characters act like any other character you might see on a crime show? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GOSSIP ANIMAL MAGNETISM, OLD FLAMES

Fassbender's arousing tale

No one is immune to the charms of rakish, Irish actor Michael Fassbender, apparently, and that includes members of the animal kingdom.

While making his 2011 film Jane Eyre, Fassbender got pretty friendly with a horse name Prince — but apparently not as friendly as Prince would've liked.

"He used to get quite aroused whenever I got on his back," Fassbender tells Graham Norton during an interview. "So Dan the horse handler had to get on it and sort of, you know, canter him." NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

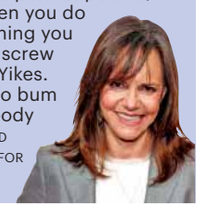
Reynolds still pines for Field

Burt Reynolds is apparently still hung up on ex Sally Field, even after all these years.

The pair dated on and off for five years three decades ago, and it apparently left quite an impression.

"I miss her terribly," Reynolds tells Vanity Fair.

"Even now, it's hard on me. I don't know why I was so stupid. Men are like that, you know? You find the perfect person, and then you do everything you can to screw it up." Yikes. Sorry to bum everybody out. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO



CREDIT EDUCATION WEEK

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Improving your financial literacy

Cheap and frugal are not the same and this year's Credit Education Week Canada (CEWC) will focus on teaching Canadians the difference while raising awareness about the proper use of credit, money management and overall financial literacy.

"A lot of people make silly mistakes because they are being cheap and don't recognize the long-term repercussions of not spending wisely," says Laurie Campbell, the CEO of Credit Canada Debt Solutions, which, along with an array of financial, government and corporate sponsors, stages CEWC. "For example, being cheap is not putting snow tires on your car because you don't want to spend the money and then getting into an accident, which would end up costing you a lot more than the snow tires.

"Frugality, meanwhile, is about being smart and fair with personal money management."

Part of Financial Literary Month, CEWC takes place Nov. 9 to 13 and features presentations, workshops and special events across the country. In its ninth year, CEWC has grown and, says Campbell, promotes an important dialogue.

"We started with 10 events and are up to 200 now," she says of CEWC, which this year lists Capital One, OLG, Royal and TD banks, Yconic, BMO, Equifax, Harris and Partners Inc., MNP and The Oakman Group among its sponsors. "We've had thousands of students write essays and we have given out $300,000 in scholarships. It is really meeting our goals of awareness and putting resources and education into action. We try to ensure that we are spreading a very important message."

Beyond partaking in CEWC events, Campbell suggests Canadians continue to educate themselves by applying some of the tools shared on the CEWC website and actively seeking information on how to better manage their money and control spending habits.

"The week itself is to open people's eyes to what is available so that they can take it further and make it an important part of their life," she says. "Teaching financial literacy should really begin in high school. We know that it may be taught in some homes, but we want to have consistency across the board. It is a very important skill that schools should be teaching. It takes a while to drill it into students and we need to start young."

To learn about CEWC events taking place in your area and to find useful budgeting resources, visit cewc.ca.

CEWC hosted a national essay-writing contest, asking Canadians to share their stories about how they conquered their credit issues. Read on to meet the three winners!

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Money mistakes of a shopaholic

FIRST PLACE $3,000

Shopping is my greatest pleasure and my biggest vice. When I was in university and living on my own for the very first time, I suddenly became bombarded with credit card offers through mail and campus advertisements.

I was drawn to the promise of instant funds to feed my shopping habit. I had to get my hands on those shiny plastic cards that would give me all the things a young woman could dream of with one swipe.

All of a sudden I absolutely had to have the spring break trip to Florida in the beach house, enough makeup to start my own mini Sephora store and the pink shaggy rug (a *huge* mistake!). Before I knew it, I had maxed out two credit cards and I had no idea how to pay it back. What's worse, my mother found out and was extremely disappointed in me.

I am still dealing with the repercussions of my money mistake. I had to deal with my outraged mother, lowered credit score and not being able to buy the things I actually needed. I fixed my money mistake by writing down my financial goals and verbalizing them to my mother so she could hold me accountable.

I then created a budget each month and am doing my best to stick to it. I pay down more money than the minimum monthly balance on my credit card statement. I have managed to pay off one credit card and I am working on the second.

Most importantly, I have warned my younger sister who just started university to resist all the tempting offers for new credit cards that are sure to come her way until she has knowledge of how they actually work … and to avoid purchasing any pink shaggy rugs under any circumstances.

Amanda Ali. CONTRIBUTED

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My biggest money mistake ever

SECOND PLACE $2,000

Back in the early '90s, my boyfriend and I decided it was time to move our relationship to the next stage and move in together.

Like most young couples, we were in love and just wanted to be together. We hadn't given any thought or had any serious discussions about our financial situation. We were both working full time — we were in love — that's all that mattered, right? Well, it didn't take long before we found ourselves in serious debt. He had an outstanding loan and I was still paying a student loan.

He took on a second job at night to help pay down his loan and I worked overtime when possible. But it was not enough. Bills mounted and creditors started calling. I was getting overwhelmed and was looking for ways to pay my debts. We did not have anyone to help us out financially.

We didn't really even think of asking family for help. It was our problem and we would deal with it.

One day I read an advertisement in the local newspaper — there was a company willing to loan money without any credit checks, etc. It sounded like an answer to my prayers so I booked an appointment to speak with them. It was getting close to Christmas so I was hoping to obtain a small loan to pay some debt and also to buy some Christmas presents.

The people working at the loan company were very nice. I filled out the papers and I had my sister co-sign on the agreement. But I would have to pay $250 for them to put my loan application in place. It was difficult for me to get $250 to pay them, but I did it. The loan person was quite sure a loan would be secured. I was hoping to get $5,000.

Well, days went by and no offer was made. I called my loan person every second day. Probably on my fifth call to her I realized — "there was never going to be a loan." I had been scammed! When she took my $250 she probably new at the time there would be no loan. I had no collateral and a bad credit history.

This is my biggest money mistake. It was a hard lesson to learn. It took a long time, but we finally got our finances in order. The most important lesson I learned was to talk to my partner about money issues and learn to budget. I also learned there's no easy way out of paying off debt.

There are unscrupulous loan sharks out there willing to take your money with bogus offers. Beware.

Kathie Mackie. CONTRIBUTED

Sarah Van Goethem. CONTRIBUTED

Money mistake: The farmhouse fail

THIRD PLACE $1,000

"Don't make any sudden changes while grieving."

That's the rule.

So your husband passes away at age 30. Thank goodness you had insurance on the mortgage. So the house is paid off. Problem: You hate the house now.

Solve your problem by purchasing a whopping farmhouse out in the country with the life insurance money. Congratulations to you.

Oh, and by the way, along with that picturesque farmhouse dream you bought into, you also bought an ancient oil furnace, 100-year-old windows, an army of mice, a shop you won't use, two acres of grass to cut, and some knob and tube wiring.

What? You have anxiety attacks now?

Your realtor thinks you are crazy when you tell her you hate it and are going to sell again. Heck, everyone thinks you are crazy. Deranged widow/single mom of three spends all life insurance money on old, gargantuan, drafty farmhouse. You are the poster child for what not to do when grieving.

Funny thing: To fix your problem you are going to spend more money. New windows and doors, new furnace, new wiring, paint, and a riding lawnmower to cut all that damn grass. And tons of mouse traps.

And you offer up your house for the local Christmas house tours. It gets professionally decorated for the holidays and the whole community comes in and oohs and aahhs.

You wait for the market to pick up and in the spring you list it. BAM. This house is staged and spotless.

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Serbia's Novak Djokovic beat Britain's Andy Murray 6-2, 6-4 to secure his 10th title of the year at the Paris Masters final

HOCKEY

Marlies win fifth in a row

T.J. Brennan struck twice and prospect William Nylander had a goal and an assist as the Toronto Marlies extended their win streak to five games, beating the Binghamton Senators 6-1 on Saturday in American Hockey League action at Binghamton.

Nylander is currently on a five-game point streak that includes four goals and four assists.

Richard Panik also had a goal and a helper for the Marlies (10-3-0) while Andrew Campbell and Zach Hyman added the others.

Ryan Dzingel supplied the lone offence for the Senators (3-7-0), who are on a five-game skid.

Toronto's Garret Sparks made 34 saves for the win.

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U.S. defeats Canada 3-2 in 4 Nations Cup final

Hilary Knight scored in overtime as the United States beat Canada 3-2 in the final of the 4 Nations Cup women's hockey tournament in Sundsvall, Sweden.

Canada led 2-1 after two periods, but American forward Brianna Decker tied it with her second goal of the game 1:46 into the third. Natalie Spooner and Meghan Agosta had Canada's goals.

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Devils nip Canucks in OT

Kyle Palmieri scored on the power play with 1:27 left in overtime as the New Jersey Devils endured a rally by the Vancouver Canucks in NHL action at Newark, N.J., Sunday.

The Canucks made it 3-3 with consecutive goals by Alexander Edler and Sven Baertschi in the second period. Baertschi tied it with 5:54 left.

Keith Kinkaid made 28 saves, and Adam Henrique, Mike Cammalleri and Sergey Kalinin also scored for New Jersey. The Devils have won four of their past five games and eight of 10 since a 0-3-1 start.

Ryan Miller made 24 saves, Chris Higgins also scored and Vancouver lost its third straight.

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Miami's Chris Bosh, right, goes up to shoot as Raptors Jonas Valanciunas defends Sunday in Miami. JOE SKIPPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raptors can't handle the Heat, or ex-mate

NBA

Chris Bosh leads charge as Miami runs over Toronto

The jerseys that the Miami Heat are wearing this week have a military theme and say "Home Strong" on the chest, a nod to the name of the program the team founded to honour soldiers at every game.

For the next few days, those words may as well be a mantra for the Heat.

Starting a seven-game homestand in style, the Heat got 23 points from Chris Bosh, 20 points and 11 rebounds from Hassan Whiteside and pulled away after halftime to beat the Toronto Raptors 96-76 on Sunday night.

"That was really inspiring basketball in the second half," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "I think the second unit really sparked the energy of the entire team and everybody fed off that defensive energy."

Miami outscored Toronto 30-16 in the third quarter, and after Toronto closed within seven in the fourth the Heat got an 18-3 Heat run fueled mainly by reserves to put the game away.

Dwyane Wade scored 12 points, Tyler Johnson had 10 and Whiteside finished with six blocks for Miami - which had a sellout crowd for the 250th consecutive home game, including playoffs. The military-inspired uniforms replete with patriotic symbols will be worn again for home games on Tuesday and Thursday.

> **Their aggression in the third quarter changed the game.**
> Raptors coach Dwane Casey

"They got into us defensively and made it tough for us," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "Their aggression in the third quarter changed the game."

Jonas Valanciunas scored 17 for Toronto, which got 16 from DeMar DeRozan and 15 from Kyle Lowry. The Raptors lost for the 11th time in their last 12 trips to Miami.

"We turned the ball over a little too much and that got them out in transition," DeRozan said.

Bosh has appeared against his former team for the 12th time. The Heat are 12-0 in those games, and Bosh lauded the play again of Miami's second unit - a clear strength for the Heat so far this season.

"They're scrapping," Bosh said. "And that's what it's about."

Toronto finished its four-game road trip 2-2. Casey had a chance to get his Toronto record over the .500 mark. Instead, he's now 159-160 with the club.

Lowry struggled with his shot again, going 4 for 16 and shooting under 40 per cent for the third consecutive game.

Toronto was without SF DeMarre Carroll, who sat to rest a sore right heel. Carroll played in each of Toronto's first six games, but was shooting only 34 per cent — 12 per cent worse than his career norm.

"It has affected his play, his jump shot and his defensive movement," Casey said. "Getting him rest right now is the most important thing."

James Johnson started in Carroll's place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNDAY in Miami

HEAT	RAPTORS
96	76

SPEEDSKATING WORLD CUP

3 short track gold medals for Canada

As Charles Hamelin skated to the start line Sunday, the announcer introduced him — in a booming, drawn-out voice — as "The Canadian Stallion."

The three-time Olympic champion quickly showed why.

Hamelin led wire-to-wire to win gold in the men's 500 metres at the ISU short-track speedskating World Cup. He added a second victory as part of the men's 5,000-metre relay.

"That (nickname) started last week in Montreal," a grinning Hamelin said. "I like it, and I think it's a good description of me."

His victories highlighted a five-medal performance by Canada on the event's final day. Charle Cournoyer of Boucherville, Que., also won two gold, winning the men's 1,000 then teaming up with Hamelin, Patrick Duffy of Oakville, Ont., Samuel Girard of Ferland-et-Boilleau, Que., and Sasha Fathoullin to win the relay.

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Total number of medals won by Canadian skaters on the day

Marianne St-Gelais of Saint-Felicien, Que., was second in the women's 500, while Valerie Maltais was third in the women's 1,000.

Hamelin's victory in the 500 came a day after he was disqualified in another 500. And while, with 14 years experience on the World Cup circuit, it wasn't his first time being DQ'ed, the Sainte-Julie, Que., native said it was an added bit of motivation Sunday.

In the relay, Hamelin took a final push from Cournoyer to skate the last two laps, and edged the second-placed South Korean skater at the finish line by the thrust of his skate blade — the margin of victory was 2/100ths of a second. The three-day event marked the first short-track World Cup held in Toronto.

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Looks like Reim-time for Leafs

> **I sure think he's been good ... He gets us points. So he gets to play.**
> Toronto Maple Leafs head coach Mike Babcock

Maple Leafs goalie James Reimer, shown during recent action at the Air Canada Centre, gave up no bad goals Saturday against the Capitals. TODD KOROL/TORSTAR MEDIA SERVICE FILE

NHL HOCKEY

Netminder's play of late a bright spot for struggling club

If there is a light at the end of the tunnel for the Maple Leafs, it might be the play of James Reimer.

With Jonathan Bernier hurt, Reimer made his fourth start in a row on Saturday night, and earned the Leafs at least a point for the third time in those four games.

Sure, the game ended in a loss — what Leaf game doesn't these days? — but Reimer comported himself well, turning aside 29 of 31 shots. And he seems to get betting stronger the more he plays. There were no bad goals against in Saturday's 3-2 shootout loss to Washington, and his save percentage over his last four games is .939.

In fact, he made a number of spectacular saves — in the third period and with Toronto killing penalties — to give the Leafs a chance to win the game. He showed no ill effects of having played four games in six nights, including back-to-back overtime affairs Friday and Saturday.

"Any time you can play behind a team that's playing this well, you get into a rhythm," Reimer said. "Good things start happening when everybody plays the right way."

As bad as the Leafs overall record looks — 2-8-4, tied for last in the league with Columbus — Reimer's record looks okay. He's 2-2-3.

"I sure think he's been good," head coach Mike Babcock said. "He's given us a chance. All you have to look at is what he's done for us. He gets us points. So he gets to play."

The Leafs took Sunday off. They'll practise Monday in Toronto before heading out for games in Dallas on Tuesday and Nashville on Thursday to complete a three-game road trip.

The last time Reimer was this busy was in March, 2014. He played in seven games in a row March 11-23, starting the last five. The Leafs were in third place in the Eastern Conference, and Bernier — who'd carried the load most of that season — got hurt in a road game March 13 in Los Angeles. Reimer finished that game spectacularly. But in the five straight starts that followed, he went 0-5-0. The Leafs tumbled to oblivion and really haven't recovered since.

In some ways, it's remarkable Reimer is still a Leaf, having lost the confidence of both management and the previous coaching staff.

Maybe it's the power of positive thinking, but Reimer always maintains a bright outlook.

"Everyone is working hard and having fun," said Reimer. "When you work hard and compete, it's contagious. It's a good scenario. Right now we're playing great hockey."

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.939

James Reimer has stepped up to the challenge with Jonathan Bernier injured, posting a .939 save percentage in his past four games.

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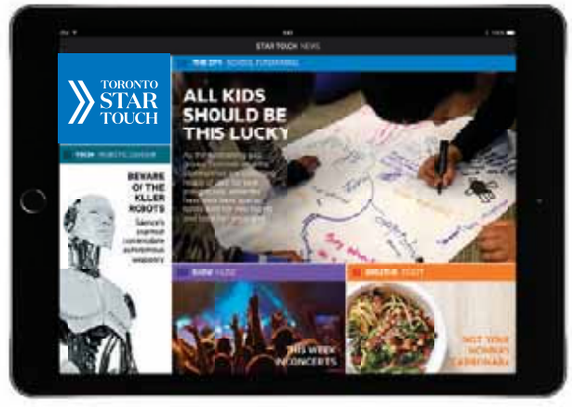

Riders rally to stun Montreal

CFL

Saskatchewan spoils starting debut of Als' Canadian QB

Brett Smith came off the bench in the fourth quarter to lead the Saskatchewan Roughriders to a 30-24 overtime victory over the Montreal Alouettes in the CFL regular season finale on Sunday afternoon. The Roughriders trailed 24-6 early in the fourth quarter when Smith came in and threw touchdown strikes to Ryan Smith and Weston Dressler, as well as a two-point convert.

A botched Montreal play saw John Chick recover a fumble and Smith led a drive that ended with Tyler Crapingna tying the game 24-24 with a 39-yard field goal with eight seconds left on the clock. Smith hit Dressler with a TD pass in overtime, while Montreal failed to score.

The result spoiled an impressive day for Montreal's Canadian quarterback Brandon Bridge, who threw TD passes to Tyrell Sutton and B.J. Cunningham. Anthony Boone also ran in a score while Boris Bede had a field goal.

Bridge was the first Canadian to start a CFL game since Giulio Caravatta for British Columbia in 1996. The Mississauga, Ont., product fell short of becoming the first Canadian to start and win a game since Calgary's Greg Vavra in 1985.

The Alouettes (6-12) and the Roughriders (3-15) did not make the playoffs and used many backups and young players. Both team's had quarterbacks making a first CFL start, and each had a drive into scoring position nullified by a fumble.

Bridge took Montreal to the Saskatchewan one-yard line on the first possession of the game. Backup Anthony Boone ran in the TD. Riders starter Keith Price answered with a 32-yard strike to Ryan Smith on the final play of the first quarter. Both QBs struggled in the second quarter until Bridge hit Cody Hoffman with a 42-yard toss to set up a dump pass that Sutton ran in from the 10 with 35 seconds left in the half. It was Bridge's first career TD pass.

Montreal's first possession of the second led to a Bede field goal. Bridge's play of the game came 20 seconds into the fourth quarter, when he scrambled away from the rush and hit Cunningham in the end zone with a 48-yard pass.

Brett Smith came on and shredded the Montreal defence on consecutive drives, firing a 40-yard score to Ryan Smith, picking up the two-point convert, and finding Dressler with a nine-yard scoring toss.

Montreal rush end John Bowman had two sacks, including his team record 100th in his career, and a league-leading 18 in 16 games this season.

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Alouettes' Billy Parker up-ends Roughriders' Seydou Junior Haidara during the first half on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RESULTS

Friday
Argonauts 21, Bombers 11
Saturday
Redblacks 44, Ticats 28
Stampeders 28, Lions 7

SUNDAY in Montreal

RIDERS	ALOUETTES
30	24

ARGONAUTS

Ray, Harris throw TDs as Toronto beats Bombers

The Toronto Argonauts are Ricky Ray's team heading into the CFL playoffs.

Toronto head coach Scott Milanovich proclaimed Ray his post-season starter Friday night after the Argos' 21-11 win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers before 17,511 spectators in their final game at Rogers Centre.

Ray looked sharp in his second straight start, completing 9-of-12 passes for 89 yards and a TD to stake Toronto to an early 9-3 lead in the second quarter before giving way to Trevor Harris. Harris, who started the Argos' first 16 games, was 14-of-21 passing for 210 yards with a touchdown and league-leading 19th interception. Toronto (10-8) finished third in the East Division and will travel to either Hamilton or Ottawa for the conference semifinal next weekend. While playing outdoors is always a concern for a dome team, being on the road won't be for the Argos.

Toronto played four of its nine home games on the road this year due to scheduling issues at Rogers Centre. Overall, the Argos were 7-6 outside of the GTA.

"We definitely have a lot of experience with that this year," Ray said. "We've been able to do that all year long so this team is ready for it."

Toronto came in averaging a CFL-worst 72.4 yards rushing but had 155 yards against Winnipeg. Chad Kackert recorded a game-high 89 yards on 10 carries while Curtis Steele added 54 yards on 11 attempts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Watkins shines as Bills ease past Dolphins

Receiver Sammy Watkins shook off a nagging ankle injury — and his critics.

Watkins had a career-best performance in leading the Buffalo Bills to a 33-17 win over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday. He made eight catches for 168 yards and a 44-yard touchdown that broke open the game late in the third quarter. Rookie running back Karlos Williams scored twice and LeSean McCoy also scored on a 48-yard run.

Buffalo (4-4), coming out of its bye week, snapped a two-game skid and won for the first time in four home games.

The Dolphins (3-5) continued to regress. Coming off a 36-7 loss to New England, Miami has lost two straight since winning its first two games when interim coach Dan Campbell took over after Joe Philbin was fired.

The Dolphins also are 0-4 against AFC East rivals. Lamar Miller scored twice on 1-yard runs and finished with 44 yards.

The Ryan Tannehill-led passing attack was sloppy. The troubles began on Miami's first play from scrimmage when Tannehill — lined up in the shotgun at his goal line — had Mike Pouncey's snap go through his hands and through the end zone for a safety. Tannehill finished 27 of 36 for 309 yards with two lost fumbles. For Buffalo, Tyrod Taylor was 11 of 12 for 181 yards in his first game back after missing two with a sprained left knee.

McCoy had 112 yards rushing before leaving the game in the fourth quarter with an injury to his right shoulder.

Williams, who had 110 yards rushing, returned after missing three games with a concussion. He became just the NFL's fifth player to score a touchdown in each of his first five games. Watkins' on-field eruption came 12 days after he erupted on social media following being criticized for being injury prone after missing three of the previous four games with a sprained left ankle and a strained left hamstring. The second-year receiver posted a note on his Instagram account calling his critics "losers" and suggested they wished they were in his position while "working y'all little jobs."

Watkins deleted the post and issued two apologies: one on Instagram a day later and another while sitting at his locker on Monday.

Buffalo's 2014 first-round draft pick had nothing to apologize for Sunday.

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Bills' LaSean McCoy celebrates a TD GETTY IMAGES

SUNDAY in Orchard Park

BILLS	DOLPHINS
33	17

RESULTS

Titans 34, Saints 28
Vikings 21, Rams 18
Panthers 37, Packers 29
Patriots 27, Redskins 10
Bills 33, Dolphins 17
Jets 28, Jaguars 23
Steelers 38, Raiders 35

MLS PLAYOFFS

Impact knocked out by Kamara strike

Columbus Crew SC star striker Kei Kamara scored in extra time Sunday to end the Montreal Impact's remarkable MLS season.

Ethan Finlay fed substitute Cedrick Mabwati, whose exquisite cross found the head of Kamara for his second goal of the night. The 111th-minute goal broke Montreal hearts, giving Columbus a 3-1 win on the night and 4-3 victory on aggregate in the Eastern Conference semifinal.

Ignacio Patti had a chance to score for Montreal late in extra time but was off the mark.

Montreal had won the first leg of the series 2-1 at Saputo Stadium, a score Columbus matched on its own turf in regulation time with goals early and late sandwiched around a Dilly Duka strike. The New York Red Bulls watched and waited, having dispatched D.C. United earlier in the day to book their ticket to the Eastern final.

Star Impact striker Didier Drogba had a quiet night, requiring treatment twice in the first half alone as he went up and down like a jack-in-the-box. He did try an audacious backheel in the 57th minute.

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Didier Drogba battles with Crew's Harrison Afful. AP

SUNDAY in Ohio

COLUMBUS	IMPACT
3	1

Columbus win 4-3 on agg. (AET)

Crystal Palace gives Klopp first loss

BPL ROUNDUP

Under new manager, Villa earns draw vs. league leaders

Turning Liverpool into title challengers will be no easy task for Juergen Klopp.

As Premier League pacesetters Manchester City and Arsenal both drew on Sunday, Liverpool experienced its first loss under Klopp by visiting Crystal Palace.

Going into the international break, the 2-1 Anfield setback left Liverpool with five points from a possible 12 in the post-Brendan Rodgers era — and the only victory came against a Chelsea side which has lost the majority of games in its title defence.

Yannick Bolasie and Scott Dann scored either side of Philippe Coutinho's equalizer to give Palace a third successive league win against Liverpool.

As Palace rose to 8th, Liverpool dropped to 10th place, nine points from the summit.

Manchester City stayed top but could not find the net against bottom-place Aston Villa as Remi Garde's managerial reign in Birmingham opened with a 0-0 draw.

After Raheem Sterling, Kevin De Bruyne and Fernando squandered chances for City, manager Manuel Pellegrini cannot wait for striker Sergio Aguero to return from a hamstring injury that has kept him out of the the team's past seven games.

Arsenal and Tottenham also had to settle for a point apiece in a 1-1 draw in the north London derby.

Kieran Gibbs was Arsenal's unlikely rescue act.

The defender's first league goal since March 2012 came in the 77th minute, three minutes after surprisingly replacing forward Joel Campbell with Arsenal trailing.

The provider was less of a surprise, with Mesut Ozil's high ball to Gibbs at the back post his 10th assist in 11 league games.

Arsenal's defence had been too easily penetrated in the 32nd minute for Tottenham's opener by a resurgent Harry Kane scoring his sixth goal in four games.

Danny Rose's deep ball down the left flank went straight between Per Mertesacker and Laurent Koscielny and Kane slid the ball past goalkeeper Petr Cech.

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Scott Dann celebrates Crystal Palace's winner at Anfield GETTY IMAGES

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Number of assists Arsenal's Mesut Ozil has in the last 11 games

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 4 cups broccoli florets and stem (just cut off the toughest bit at the end) chopped fairly
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cups chopped, peeled potato
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 glug olive oil
- 4 cups low sodium vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup grated cheddar
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Sautee onion and garlic in a dutch oven or other large, heavy-bottomed pot for about 5 minutes until soft.
2. Add vegetables and stock and allow to simmer for about 20 minutes until the vegetables are tender.
3. In small batches, ladle the broth and vegetables into your blender and puree. Pour each batch into a bowl as you go. Pour the puree back into your pot.
4. Over medium heat add milk and cheese and stir until the cheese melts. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with crusty bread.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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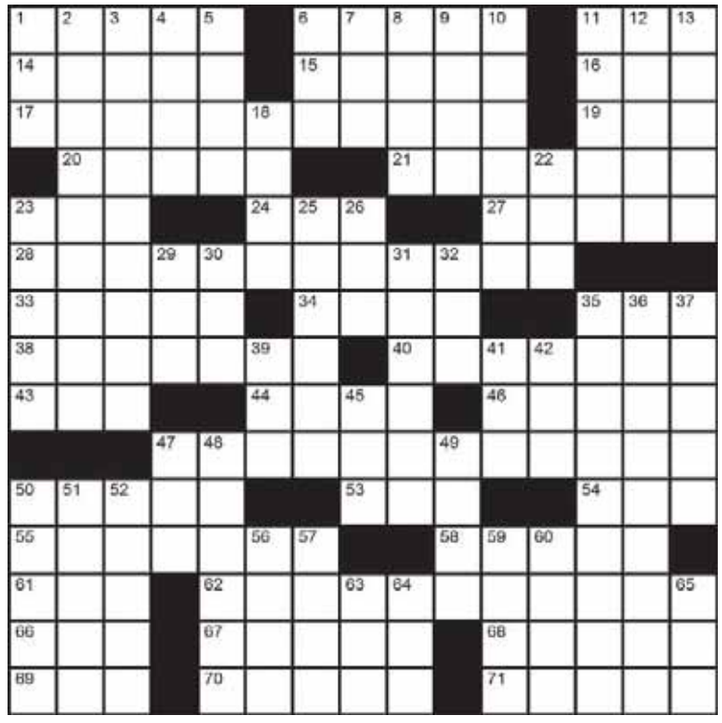

ACROSS
1. Lyricist, _ Hammerstein II
6. Roman hearth goddess
11. Neutral tone
14. Donald Trump's second wife Ms. Maples
15. Canadian retail family
16. Gingery qulp
17. Restaurant buffet covering
19. Hawaiian dish
20. "How I Met Your Mother" narrator Bob
21. Honking
23. Approx.
24. Grand _ (Wine classification)
27. Bellow from a fellow on the seas!
28. Andrew _ (Host of #62-Across who is from St. John's, Newfoundland)
33. Filles _ _ (French for 'King's Daughters' as per the young women King Louis XIV sponsored to settle in New France)
34. _ a soul
35. _ culpa!
38. History Channel's "_ _ Truckers"
40. Winning: 3 wds.
43. '_' _ for Excellence
44. Duck variety
46. Grease again
47. Igloo construction materials: 3 wds.
50. Plentiful purchasing period
53. Cartoon-style shriek!
54. Shortened path
55. "Love in the Time of _" (2007) starring Javier Bardem
58. "Murphy Brown" house painter
61. Mr. Orbison
62. Discovery Channel series, "Canada's _ _"
66. Time-saver's abbr.
67. Flying-over-Quebec plane
68. "Look at all the _ _ picked!" (Exclamation heard in an orchard)
69. Heartache
70. Bread ingredient
71. Norwegian ...in Norwegian

DOWN
1. Meditation syllables
2. French for 'without worry': 2 wds.
3. Planet inhabitants
4. Shake _ _ (Hurry)
5. Bulldoze
6. Eggplant, e.g.
7. H2O: French
8. Pierce
9. Split
10. Of a South American mountain chain
11. Fleshy-snouted animal
12. Beside
13. Barnyard noise
18. Engrave
22. Phone's 'pen' pal
23. Singer Ms. Gorme
25. "It's Like That" rappers
26. Can. neighbour
29. And not
30. Acqua Di _ (Armani fragrance)
31. Check out the merchandise
32. Ms. Rand
35. "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961) song: 2 wds.
36. Robert Stack's character on 1959 to 1963 crime series "The Untouchables": 2 wds.
37. "_ _ are saying is give peace a chance." - John Lennon
39. Volcano in Japan, Mount _
41. Hound's howdy!
42. Home [abbr.]
45. _ Crater, in Maui in Hawaii
47. "The Fresh Prince of _-Air"
48. Allowance
49. Sanctioned, cute-style
50. Twisted-in fastener
51. Camera's creation
52. Rolls-_ Motor Cars
56. Drift
57. Soprano's time to shine
59. Scientology founder, _. _ Hubbard
60. "The Flintstones" pet
63. HELP!
64. Tunnel creation need
65. Canadian rocker Mr. Emmett

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't get uptight if someone you deal with refuses to see sense today. You may have more than enough evidence to convince them that they are wrong but some people can be ridiculously stubborn. Let it go.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If someone offers to help you out, think carefully before taking them up on the offer. There will be strings attached and you could end up paying more than expected.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Limit the number of things you work on as the new week begins. You may be eager to make an impression but don't let your enthusiasm get the better of you. There's no rush.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try not to dwell on your mistakes. What happens over the next few days, especially when the moon in new on Wednesday, will help you make a success of your endeavors.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Chances are you will refuse to see any point of view but your own today and that could put a friendship at risk. Try to understand that what is right for you may not be right for someone else.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Adjust your aims and ambitions as events over which you have no control throw you off course. It might be annoying in the short-term but in the long-term it will be good for you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You seem to be finding it harder than usual to believe in yourself. Reconsider plans that you made to travel or socialize because you really need to spend some time by yourself now.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Something you thought you could cope with will get completely out of control. Get help from people who know what they are doing. Clearly, you do not!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
One-to-one relationships are about to go through a rather delicate phase but the good news is it won't last for long and nothing bad will come of it. The approaching new moon means you need to feel more and think less.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will find yourself under a lot of pressure as the new week begins. You are going to have to stand up for yourself and let people know that you will not be taken advantage of.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something of a creative nature that you have been working on will hit a wall today or tomorrow and you may be tempted to give up on it. That would be a big mistake.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may not be the life and soul of the party at the moment but give it time. The approaching new moon is already making you feel more adventurous and come Wednesday you will be your happy, upbeat self again.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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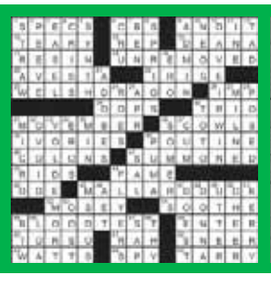

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